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SENATE BILL No. 59

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Citations Affected: IC 2-3.5; IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3; IC 20-5; IC 21-6.1; IC 33-13; IC 36-8.

Synopsis: PERF and TRF administrative issues. Permits the pooling of the assets of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and the teachers' retirement fund (TRF) for investment purposes. Authorizes PERF and TRF to enter into investment contracts for a term longer than 5 years. Allows certain units in the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (1977 fund) to buy back additional members' service. Permits a PERF or TRF member to suspend the member's right to a pension benefit and use the member's annuity savings account to purchase service in another governmental retirement plan. Permits PERF and TRF to offer dental, vision, and long term care coverage to retirees. Liberalizes rollover distributions and trustee to trustee transfers for certain public retirement funds as permitted by the federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. Permits PERF and TRF members to purchase at actuarial cost additional service credit. Allows a state or political subdivision to pay all or a part of a member's contribution to purchase additional service credit. Authorizes school corporations to make payments to PERF and TRF using electronic funds transfer. Authorizes political subdivisions to make payments to PERF using electronic funds transfer.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)

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SENATE BILL No. 59

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-3.5-5-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2002]: **Sec. 12. (a) To the extent permitted by the Internal**
4 **Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the fund may accept,**
5 **on behalf of any active member, a rollover distribution from any**
6 **of the following:**

7 (1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section
8 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9 (2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b)
10 of the Internal Revenue Code.

11 (3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political
12 subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a
13 state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of
14 the Internal Revenue Code.

15 (4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in
16 Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue
17 Code.

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(b) Any amounts rolled over under subsection (a) must be accounted for in a "rollover account" that is separate from the member's account.

(c) A member may direct the investment of the member's rollover account into any alternative investment option that the board may make available to the member's rollover account under section 3 of this chapter.

(d) A member may withdraw the member's rollover account from the fund in a lump sum at any time before retirement. At retirement, the member may withdraw the member's rollover account in accordance with the retirement options that are available for the member's account.

SECTION 2. IC 5-10.2-2-2.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.5. (a) Each board may establish investment guidelines and limits on all types of investments (including, but not limited to, stocks and bonds) and take other actions necessary to fulfill its duty as a fiduciary for all funds assets under its control, subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in IC 5-10.3-5-3 and IC 21-6.1-3-9.

(b) Each board may commingle or pool assets with the assets of any other persons or entities. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to invest in commingled or pooled funds, partnerships, or mortgage pools. In the event of any such investment, the board shall keep separate detailed records of the assets invested. Any decision to commingle or pool assets is subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in IC 5-10.3-5-3 and IC 21-6.1-3-9.

SECTION 3. IC 5-10.2-3-1.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 1.2. (a) A member who has earned at least ten (10) years of service in a position covered by PERF, TRF, or a combination of the two (2) funds may purchase one (1) year of service credit for each five (5) years of service that the member has completed in a position covered by PERF or TRF.

(b) Before a member retires, a member who desires to purchase additional service credit under subsection (a) must contribute to the fund as follows:

(1) Contributions that are equal to the product of the following:

(A) The member's salary at the time the member actually makes a contribution for the service credit.

(B) A rate, determined by the actuary for the fund, that is



1 based on the age of the member at the time the member
 2 actually makes a contribution for the service credit and
 3 computed to result in a contribution amount that
 4 approximates the actuarial present value of the benefit
 5 attributable to the service credit purchased.

6 (C) The number of years of service credit the member
 7 intends to purchase.

8 (2) Contributions for any accrued interest, at a rate
 9 determined by the actuary for the fund, for the period from
 10 the member's initial membership in the fund to the date
 11 payment is made by the member.

12 (c) The following apply to the purchase of service credit under
 13 this section:

14 (1) The board may allow a member to make periodic
 15 payments of the contributions required for the purchase of
 16 service credit. The board shall determine the length of the
 17 period during which the payments must be made.

18 (2) The board may deny an application for the purchase of
 19 service credit if the purchase would exceed the limitations
 20 under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

21 (3) A member may not claim the service credit for the purpose
 22 of computing benefits unless the member has made all
 23 payments required for the purchase of the service credit.

24 (4) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and
 25 applicable regulations, a member may purchase service credit
 26 under this section by a rollover distribution to the fund from
 27 any of the following:

28 (A) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section
 29 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

30 (B) An annuity contract or account described in Section
 31 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

32 (C) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a
 33 political subdivision of a state, or an agency or
 34 instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state
 35 under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

36 (D) An individual retirement account or annuity described
 37 in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue
 38 Code.

39 (d) A member who terminates employment before satisfying the
 40 eligibility requirements necessary to receive a monthly benefit may
 41 withdraw the purchase amount, plus accumulated interest, after
 42 submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the

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1 fund. However, the member must also apply for a refund of the
 2 member's entire annuity savings account under section 6 of this
 3 chapter to be eligible for a refund of the member's rollover
 4 amount.

5 (e) For a member who is a state employee, the employer may
 6 pay all or a part of the member contributions required for the
 7 purchase of service credit under this section. In that event, the
 8 actuary shall determine the amortization, and subsections (c)(1),
 9 (c)(3), (c)(4), and (d) do not apply.

10 (f) For a member who is an employee of a participating political
 11 subdivision, the employer may adopt an ordinance to pay all or a
 12 part of the member contributions required for the purchase of
 13 service credit under this section. In that event, the actuary shall
 14 determine the amortization, and subsections (c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(4),
 15 and (d) do not apply.

16 SECTION 4. IC 5-10.2-3-6.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 17 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 6.2. A member who:

- 19 (1) has attained vested status in the fund;
- 20 (2) has terminated employment;
- 21 (3) has not begun receiving benefits; and
- 22 (4) is transferring creditable service earned under PERF or
- 23 TRF to another governmental retirement plan under section
- 24 1(i) of this chapter;

25 may suspend the member's membership and withdraw the
 26 member's annuity savings account to purchase creditable service
 27 in the other governmental retirement plan.

28 SECTION 5. IC 5-10.2-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 29 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 30 1, 2002]: Sec. 10. (a) To the extent permitted by the Internal
 31 Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the fund may accept,
 32 on behalf of any active member, a rollover distribution from any
 33 of the following:

- 34 (1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section
- 35 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 36 (2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b)
- 37 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 38 (3) An eligible plan maintained by a state, a political
- 39 subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a
- 40 state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of
- 41 the Internal Revenue Code.
- 42 (4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in



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Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Any amounts rolled over under subsection (a) must be accounted for in a "rollover account" that is separate from the member's annuity savings account.

(c) A member may direct the investment of the member's rollover account into any alternative investment option that the board may make available to the member's rollover account under IC 5-10.2-2-3. However, the member may not invest the member's rollover account in the guaranteed fund.

(d) A member may withdraw the member's rollover account from the fund in a lump sum at any time before retirement. At retirement, the member may withdraw the member's rollover account in accordance with the retirement options that are available for the member's annuity savings account, including the deferral of a withdrawal.

SECTION 6. IC 5-10.3-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2000, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The board may do any of the following:

(1) Establish and amend rules and regulations:

(A) for the administration and regulation of the fund and the board's affairs; and

(B) to effectuate the powers and purposes of the board; without adopting a rule under IC 4-22-2.

(2) Make contracts and sue and be sued as the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund of Indiana.

(3) Delegate duties to its employees.

(4) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide life, hospitalization, surgical, medical, **dental, vision, long term care**, or supplemental Medicare insurance, utilizing individual or group insurance policies for retired members of the fund, and, upon authorization of the respective member, deduct premium payments for such policies from the members' retirement benefits and remit the payments to the insurance companies.

(5) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide annuities for retired members of the fund, and, upon a member's authorization, transfer the amount credited to the member in the annuity savings account to the insurance companies.

(6) Whenever the fund's membership is sufficiently large for actuarial valuation, establish an employer's contribution rate for

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all employers, including employers with special benefit provisions for certain employees.

(7) Amortize prior service liability over a period of forty (40) years or less.

(8) Recover payments made under false or fraudulent representation.

(9) Exercise all powers necessary, convenient, or appropriate to carry out and effectuate its public and corporate purposes and to conduct its business.

(b) An agreement under subsection (a)(4) may be for a duration of three (3) years.

(c) This subsection does not apply to investments of the board.

A contract under subsection (a)(2) may be for a term of not more than five (5) years, with an ability to renew thereafter.

(d) The board's powers and the fund's powers specified in this chapter shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and may not be construed as a limitation of powers.

SECTION 7. IC 5-10.3-7-9.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 9.5. (a) The fund may accept cash rollover contributions from a member who is making payments for additional service credits under this chapter if the following conditions are met:

(1) The rollover contribution must represent:

(A) all or a portion of the member's interest in a retirement plan of a former employer which is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and which permits the interest to be transferred to the fund as a qualifying rollover contribution under the Internal Revenue Code; ~~or~~

(B) all or a portion of the member's interest from a conduit an individual retirement account under or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; However, the conduit individual retirement account may not have any assets other than assets that:

(i) were previously distributed to the member by an employer plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as a lump sum distribution;

(ii) are eligible for tax free rollover treatment; and

(iii) were deposited in the conduit individual retirement account within sixty (60) days of receipt, and earnings on the conduit account.

(C) all or a portion of the member's interest in:

(i) a qualified plan described in Section 403(a) of the



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Internal Revenue Code; or

(ii) an annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(D) all or a portion of the member's interest in an eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) The amount of the rollover contributions may not exceed the amount of payment required to purchase the service credits under this chapter.

(3) The rollover contributions may contain only tax-deferred contributions and earnings on the contributions, and may not include any post-tax contributions.

(4) The member must be otherwise eligible to purchase the service credit under this chapter.

(b) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the fund may accept, on behalf of a member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter, a trustee to trustee transfer from:

(1) an annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(2) an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The fund, the board, and their respective members, officers, and employees do not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the federal and state income tax consequences of any transfer made to the fund under this section. The board may require, as a condition to the fund's acceptance of a rollover contribution:

(1) satisfactory evidence that the proposed transfer is a qualifying rollover contribution under the Internal Revenue Code; and

(2) reasonable releases or indemnifications from the member against any and all liabilities that may be connected with the transfer.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Cash transferred to the fund as a rollover contribution shall be deposited in the retirement allowance account.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** A member who terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements necessary for a pension or disability benefit may withdraw the member's rollover contribution, plus accumulated interest, after submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund. However, the member must also apply for a refund of the member's entire annuity savings account under IC 5-10.2-3 to be

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1 eligible for a refund of ~~their~~ **the member's** rollover amount.

2 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Except as provided in this section, the fund shall not accept
3 any other rollover contributions from a member.

4 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** The board shall administer this section in accordance with the
5 rollover provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable
6 regulations.

7 SECTION 8. IC 5-13-5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The fiscal body of any
9 political subdivision may by ordinance or resolution authorize the
10 proper legal officers of the political subdivision to transact the political
11 subdivision's business with a financial institution **or a retirement fund**
12 **administered by the public employees' retirement fund** through the
13 use of electronic funds transfer.

14 (b) The ordinance or resolution must:

- 15 (1) specify the types of transactions that may be conducted by
16 electronic funds transfer; and
17 (2) require the proper officers to maintain adequate
18 documentation of the transactions so that they may be audited as
19 provided by law.

20 SECTION 9. IC 20-5-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2001,
21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The governing body of each school
23 corporation shall organize by electing a president, a vice president, and
24 a secretary, each of whom shall be a different member, within the first
25 fifteen (15) days following the commencement date of the members'
26 terms of office, as provided for under section 3 of this chapter.

27 (b) The governing body shall also at such time appoint a treasurer
28 of the governing body and of the school corporation who is a person,
29 other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the
30 governing body. The treasurer may, with the approval of the governing
31 body, appoint a deputy who shall also be a person, other than the
32 superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body
33 and who shall have the same powers and duties as the treasurer, or such
34 lesser duties as the governing body by rule shall provide.

35 (c) The treasurer shall be the official custodian of all funds of the
36 school corporation and shall be responsible for the proper safeguarding
37 and accounting for all the funds and shall:

- 38 (1) issue a receipt for any money coming into the treasurer's
39 hands;
40 (2) deposit such money in accordance with the laws governing the
41 deposit of public funds; and
42 (3) issue all warrants in payment of expenses lawfully incurred on

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1 behalf of the school corporation, but, except as otherwise
 2 provided by law, shall issue the warrants only after proper
 3 allowance or approval by the governing body. No allowance or
 4 approval shall be required by the governing body for amounts
 5 lawfully due in payment of indebtedness or payments due the
 6 state of Indiana, the United States Government, or their agencies
 7 and instrumentalities.

8 No verification, other than a properly itemized invoice, shall be
 9 required for any claim of one hundred dollars (\$100) or less, and any
 10 claim over this amount is sufficient as to form if the bill or statement
 11 therefor has printed or stamped on its face a verification of the bill or
 12 statement in language approved by the state board of accounts.

13 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a treasurer may transact school
 14 corporation financial business with a financial institution **or a public**
 15 **retirement fund** through the use of electronic funds transfer. For
 16 purposes of this section, "electronic funds transfer" means any transfer
 17 of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar
 18 paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal,
 19 telephone, or computer or magnetic tape for the purpose of ordering,
 20 instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit an
 21 account. The treasurer must provide adequate documentation to the
 22 governing body of the transfers made under this subsection. This
 23 subsection applies only to agreements for joint investment of money
 24 under IC 5-13-9 **and to payments to:**

25 **(1) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; or**

26 **(2) the public employees' retirement fund;**

27 **from participating employers.**

28 (e) A treasurer is not personally liable for an act or omission
 29 occurring in connection with the performance of the duties set forth in
 30 this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or
 31 an intentional disregard of the treasurer's duties.

32 (f) The governing body may establish the position of executive
 33 secretary to the governing body. The executive secretary:

34 (1) must be an employee of the school corporation;

35 (2) may not be a member of the governing body; and

36 (3) shall be appointed by the governing body upon the
 37 recommendation of the superintendent of the school corporation.

38 The governing body shall determine the duties of the executive
 39 secretary, which may include all or part of the duties of the secretary of
 40 the board.

41 SECTION 10. IC 21-6.1-3-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2000,
 42 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. (a) The board may do any of the following:

(1) Adopt and enforce rules and regulations regarding the fund's administration and the control and investment of the fund.

(2) Bond employees for the fund's protection.

(3) Receive from the federal government the state's share of the cost of the pension contribution for a member on leave of absence to work in a federally supported educational project.

(4) Sue and be sued as the board of trustees of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund.

(5) Summon and examine witnesses when adjusting claims.

(6) Require, when adjusting disability claims, medical examinations by doctors approved or appointed by the board; however, not more than two (2) examinations may be conducted in one (1) year.

(7) Conduct investigations to help determine the merit of a claim.

(8) Meet any emergency which may arise in the administration of its trust.

(9) Determine other matters regarding its trust which are not specified.

(10) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide life, hospitalization, surgical, medical, **dental, vision, long term care**, or supplemental Medicare insurance, utilizing individual or group insurance policies for retired teachers, and, upon authorization of the respective retired teacher, deduct premium payments for such policies from the teachers' retirement benefits and remit the payments to the insurance companies.

(11) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide annuities for retired teachers and upon a member's authorization transfer the amount credited to the member in the annuity savings account to the insurance companies.

(12) Exercise all powers necessary, convenient, or appropriate to carry out and effectuate its public and corporate purposes and to conduct its business.

(13) Establish and amend rules and regulations:

(A) for the administration and regulation of the fund and the board's affairs; and

(B) to effectuate the powers and purposes of the board; without adopting a rule under IC 4-22-2.

(b) An agreement under subsection (a)(10) may be for a duration of three (3) years.

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(c) This subsection does not apply to:

(1) an agreement under subsection (a)(10); or

(2) **investments of the board.**

A contract that the board enters into under section 9(b) of this chapter or any other provision may be for a term of not more than five (5) years, with an ability to renew thereafter.

(d) The board's powers and the fund's powers specified in this chapter shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and may not be construed as a limitation of powers.

SECTION 11. IC 21-6.1-4-9.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 9.5. (a) The fund may accept cash rollover contributions from a member who is making payments for additional service credits under this chapter if the following conditions are met:

(1) The rollover contribution must represent:

(A) all or any portion of the member's interest in a retirement plan of a former employer which is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and which permits the interest to be transferred to the fund as a qualifying rollover contribution under the Internal Revenue Code; or

(B) **all or a portion of the member's interest from a conduit an individual retirement account under or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; However, the conduit individual retirement account may not have any assets other than assets that:**

(i) were previously distributed to the member by an employer plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as a lump sum distribution;

(ii) are eligible for tax free rollover treatment; and

(iii) were deposited in the conduit individual retirement account within sixty (60) days of receipt; and earnings on the conduit account.

(C) **all or a portion of the member's interest in:**

(i) a qualified plan described in Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(ii) an annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(D) **all or a portion of the member's interest in an eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.**



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(2) The amount of the rollover contributions may not exceed the amount of payment required to purchase the service credits under this chapter.

(3) The rollover contributions may contain only tax-deferred contributions and earnings on the contributions, and may not include any post-tax contributions.

(4) The member must be otherwise eligible to purchase the service credit under this chapter.

(b) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the fund may accept, on behalf of a member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter, a trustee to trustee transfer from:

(1) an annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(2) an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The fund, the board, and their respective members, officers, and employees do not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the federal and state income tax consequences of any transfer made to the fund under this section. The board may require, as a condition to the fund's acceptance of a rollover contribution:

(1) satisfactory evidence that the proposed transfer is a qualifying rollover contribution under the Internal Revenue Code; and

(2) reasonable releases or indemnifications from the member against any and all liabilities that may be connected with the transfer.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Cash transferred to the fund as a rollover contribution shall be deposited in the retirement allowance account in the pre-1996 account or the 1996 account, whichever is appropriate.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** A member who terminates employment before satisfying the eligibility requirements necessary for a pension or disability benefit may withdraw the member's rollover contribution, plus accumulated interest, after submitting a properly completed application for a refund to the fund. However, the member must also apply for a refund of the member's entire annuity savings account under IC 5-10.2-3 to be eligible for a refund of ~~their~~ **the member's** rollover amount.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** Except as provided in this section, the fund shall not accept any other rollover contributions from a member.

~~(f)~~ **(g)** The board shall administer this section in accordance with the rollover provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable regulations.

SECTION 12. IC 33-13-9.1-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 10. (a) This section
2 applies to a person who:

- 3 (1) is a judge participating under this chapter;
- 4 (2) before becoming a judge was appointed by a court to serve as
5 a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time
6 magistrate;
- 7 (3) was a member of the public employees' retirement fund during
8 the employment described in subdivision (2); and
- 9 (4) received credited service under the public employees'
10 retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2).

11 (b) If a person becomes a participant in the judges' 1977 benefit
12 system under ~~IC 33-13-9.1-1~~, **section 1 of this chapter**, credit for prior
13 service by the judge as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or
14 full-time magistrate shall be granted under this chapter by the board if:

- 15 (1) the prior service was credited under the public employees'
16 retirement fund;
- 17 (2) the state contributes to the judges' 1977 benefit system the
18 amount the board determines necessary to amortize the prior
19 service liability over a period determined by the board, but not
20 more than ten (10) years; and
- 21 (3) the judge pays in a lump sum or in a series of payments
22 determined by the board, not exceeding five (5) annual payments,
23 the amount the judge would have contributed if the judge had
24 been a member of the judges' 1977 benefit system during the prior
25 service.

26 (c) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are not
27 satisfied, a participant is entitled to credit only for years of service after
28 the date of participation in the 1977 benefit system.

29 (d) An amortization schedule for contributions paid under
30 subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) must include interest at a rate determined by
31 the board.

32 (e) The following provisions apply to a person described in
33 subsection (a):

- 34 (1) A minimum benefit applies to participants receiving credit in
35 the judges' 1977 benefit system from service covered by the
36 public employees' retirement fund. The minimum benefit is
37 payable at sixty-five (65) years of age and equals the actuarial
38 equivalent of the vested retirement benefit that is:

39 (A) payable to the member at normal retirement under
40 IC 5-10.2-4-1 as of the day before the transfer; and

41 (B) based solely on:

- 42 (i) creditable service;



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(ii) the average of the annual compensation; and
 (iii) the amount credited under IC 5-10.2 and IC 5-10.3 to the annuity savings account of the transferring member as of the day before the transfer.

(2) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are satisfied, the board shall transfer from the public employees' retirement fund to the judges' 1977 benefit system the amount credited to the annuity savings account and the present value of the retirement benefit payable at sixty-five (65) years of age that is attributable to the transferring participant.

(3) The amount the state and the participant must contribute to the judges' 1977 benefit system under subsection (b) shall be reduced by the amount transferred to the judges' 1977 benefit system by the board under subdivision (2).

(4) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are satisfied, credit for prior service in the public employees' retirement fund as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time magistrate is waived. Any credit for the prior service under the judges' 1977 benefit system may be granted only under subsection (b).

(5) Credit for prior service in the public employees' retirement fund for service other than as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time magistrate remains under the public employees' retirement fund and may not be credited under the judges' 1977 benefit system.

(f) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1977 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a rollover of a distribution from any of the following:

(1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and

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the applicable regulations, the judges' 1977 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a trustee to trustee transfer from any of the following:

(1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 13. IC 33-13-9.1-10.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.195-1999, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 10.5. (a) This section applies only to a person who:

(1) is a judge participating under this chapter;

(2) before becoming a judge was a member of an Indiana public employees' retirement fund;

(3) received credited service under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2), and the credited service is not eligible for prior service credit under section 10 of this chapter;

(4) has not attained vested status under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2); and

(5) has at least eight (8) years of service credit in the judges' retirement system.

(b) If a person becomes a participant in the judges' 1977 benefit system under this chapter, credit for service described in subsection (a) shall be granted under this chapter by the board if:

(1) the prior service was credited under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund; and

(2) the judge pays in a lump sum or in a series of payments determined by the board, not exceeding five (5) annual payments, the amount determined by the actuary for the 1977 benefit system as the total actual cost of the service.

(c) If the requirements of subsection (b) are not satisfied, a participant is entitled to credit only for years of service after the date of participation in the 1977 benefit system.

(d) An amortization schedule for contributions paid under this section must include interest at a rate determined by the board.

(e) If the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied, the appropriate board shall transfer from the retirement fund described in subsection (a)(2) to the judges' 1977 benefit system the amount credited to the judge's annuity savings account and the present value of



the retirement benefit payable at sixty-five (65) years of age that is attributable to the transferring participant.

(f) The amount a participant must contribute to the judges' 1977 benefit system under subsection (b) shall be reduced by the amount transferred to the judges' 1977 benefit system by the board under subsection (e).

(g) If the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied, credit for prior service in an Indiana public employees' retirement fund is waived.

(h) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1977 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a rollover of a distribution from any of the following:

(1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(i) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1977 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a trustee to trustee transfer from any of the following:

(1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 14, IC 33-13-10.1-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 194-1999, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 14. (a) This section applies to a person who:

(1) is a judge participating under this chapter;

(2) before becoming a judge was appointed by a court to serve as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time magistrate;

(3) was a member of the public employees' retirement fund during the employment described in subdivision (2); and



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- 1 (4) received credited service under the public employees'
 2 retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2).
 3 (b) If a person becomes a participant in the judges' 1985 benefit
 4 system under section 1 of this chapter, credit for prior service by the
 5 judge as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time
 6 magistrate shall be granted under this chapter by the board if:
 7 (1) the prior service was credited under the public employees'
 8 retirement fund;
 9 (2) the state contributes to the judges' 1985 benefit system the
 10 amount the board determines necessary to amortize the prior
 11 service liability over a period determined by the board, but not
 12 more than ten (10) years; and
 13 (3) the judge pays in a lump sum or in a series of payments
 14 determined by the board, not exceeding five (5) annual payments,
 15 the amount the judge would have contributed if the judge had
 16 been a member of the judges' 1985 benefit system during the prior
 17 service.
 18 (c) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are not
 19 satisfied, a participant is entitled to credit only for years of service after
 20 the date of participation in the 1985 benefit system.
 21 (d) An amortization schedule for contributions paid under
 22 subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3) must include interest at a rate determined by
 23 the board.
 24 (e) The following provisions apply to a person described in
 25 subsection (a):
 26 (1) A minimum benefit applies to participants receiving credit in
 27 the judges' 1985 benefit system from service covered by the
 28 public employees' retirement fund. The minimum benefit is
 29 payable at sixty-five (65) years of age or when the participant is
 30 at least fifty-five (55) years of age and meets the requirements
 31 under section 6(2)(B) of this chapter and equals the actuarial
 32 equivalent of the vested retirement benefit that is:
 33 (A) payable to the member at normal retirement under
 34 IC 5-10.2-4-1 as of the day before the transfer; and
 35 (B) based solely on:
 36 (i) creditable service;
 37 (ii) the average of the annual compensation; and
 38 (iii) the amount credited under IC 5-10.2 and IC 5-10.3 to
 39 the annuity savings account of the transferring member as of
 40 the day before the transfer.
 41 (2) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are
 42 satisfied, the board shall transfer from the public employees'



retirement fund to the judges' 1985 benefit system the amount credited to the annuity savings account and the present value of the retirement benefit payable at sixty-five (65) years of age or at least fifty-five (55) years of age under section 6(2)(B) of this chapter that is attributable to the transferring participant.

(3) The amount the state and the participant must contribute to the judges' 1985 benefit system under subsection (b) shall be reduced by the amount transferred to the judges' 1985 benefit system by the board under subdivision (2).

(4) If the requirements of subsection (b)(2) and (b)(3) are satisfied, credit for prior service in the public employees' retirement fund as a full-time referee, full-time commissioner, or full-time magistrate is waived. Any credit for the prior service under the judges' 1985 benefit system may be granted only under subsection (b).

(f) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1985 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a rollover of a distribution from any of the following:

(1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1985 benefit system may accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive service credit under subsection (b), a trustee to trustee transfer from any of the following:

(1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 15. IC 33-13-10.1-14.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.195-1999, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE



JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 14.5. (a) This section applies only to a person who:

- (1) is a judge participating under this chapter;
- (2) before becoming a judge was a member of an Indiana public employees' retirement fund;
- (3) received credited service under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2), and the credited service is not eligible for prior service credit under section 14 of this chapter;
- (4) has not attained vested status under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund for the employment described in subdivision (2); and
- (5) has at least eight (8) years of service credit in the judges' retirement system.

(b) If a person becomes a participant in the judges' 1985 benefit system under this chapter, credit for service described in subsection (a) shall be granted under this chapter by the board if:

- (1) the prior service was credited under an Indiana public employees' retirement fund; and
- (2) the judge pays in a lump sum or in a series of payments determined by the board, not exceeding five (5) annual payments, the amount determined by the actuary for the 1985 benefit system as the total cost of the service.

(c) If the requirements of subsection (b) are not satisfied, a participant is entitled to credit only for years of service after the date of participation in the 1985 benefit system.

(d) An amortization schedule for contributions paid under this section must include interest at a rate determined by the board.

(e) If the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied, the appropriate board shall transfer from the retirement fund described in subsection (a)(2) to the judges' 1985 benefit system the amount credited to the judge's annuity savings account and the present value of the retirement benefit payable at sixty-five (65) years of age that is attributable to the transferring participant.

(f) The amount a participant must contribute to the judges' 1985 benefit system under subsection (b) shall be reduced by the amount transferred to the judges' 1985 benefit system by the board under subsection (e).

(g) If the requirements of subsection (b) are satisfied, credit for prior service in an Indiana public employees' retirement fund is waived.

(h) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the judges' 1985 benefit system may



1 accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive
 2 service credit under subsection (b), a rollover of a distribution
 3 from any of the following:

4 (1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section
 5 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

6 (2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b)
 7 of the Internal Revenue Code.

8 (3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political
 9 subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a
 10 state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of
 11 the Internal Revenue Code.

12 (4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in
 13 Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue
 14 Code.

15 (i) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and
 16 the applicable regulations, the judges' 1985 benefit system may
 17 accept, on behalf of a participant who is purchasing permissive
 18 service credit under subsection (b), a trustee to trustee transfer
 19 from any of the following:

20 (1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b)
 21 of the Internal Revenue Code.

22 (2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section
 23 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

24 SECTION 16. IC 36-8-8-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 18. (a) Except as
 26 provided in subsection (b), if a unit becomes a participant in the 1977
 27 fund, credit for prior service by police officers (including prior service
 28 as a full-time, fully paid town marshal or full-time, fully paid deputy
 29 town marshal by a police officer employed by a metropolitan board of
 30 police commissioners) or by firefighters before the date of participation
 31 may be given by the PERF board only if:

32 (1) the unit contributes to the 1977 fund the amount necessary to
 33 amortize prior service liability over a period of not more than
 34 forty (40) years, the amount and period to be determined by the
 35 PERF board; and

36 (2) the police officers or firefighters pay, either in a lump sum or
 37 in a series of payments determined by the PERF board, the
 38 amount that they would have contributed if they had been
 39 members of the 1977 fund during their prior service.

40 If the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) are not met, a fund
 41 member is entitled to credit only for years of service after the date of
 42 participation.



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(b) If a unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund under section 3(c) of this chapter, or if a firefighter becomes a member of the 1977 fund under section 7(g) of this chapter, credit for prior service before the date of participation or membership shall be given by the PERF board as follows:

(1) For a member who will accrue twenty (20) years of service credit in the 1977 fund by the time the member reaches the earliest retirement age under the fund at the time of the member's date of participation in the 1977 fund, the member will be given credit in the 1977 fund for one-third (1/3) of the member's years of participation in PERF as a police officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical technician.

(2) For a member who will not accrue twenty (20) years of service credit in the 1977 fund by the time the member reaches the earliest retirement age under the fund at the time of the member's date of participation in the 1977 fund, such prior service shall be given only if:

(A) The unit contributes to the 1977 fund the amount necessary to fund prior service liability amortized over a period of not more than ten (10) years. The amount of contributions must be based on the actual salary earned by a first class firefighter at the time the unit becomes a participant in the 1977 fund, or the firefighter becomes a member of the 1977 fund, or if no such salary designation exists, the actual salary earned by the firefighter. However, credit for prior service is limited to the amount necessary to allow the firefighter to accrue twenty (20) years of service credit in the 1977 fund by the time the firefighter reaches the earliest retirement age under the 1977 fund at the time of the member's date of participation in the 1977 fund. The limit on credit for prior service does not apply if the firefighter was a member of the 1937 fund or 1977 fund whose participation was terminated due to the creation of a new fire protection district under IC 36-8-11-5 and who subsequently became a member of the 1977 fund. A firefighter who was a member of or reentered the 1937 fund or 1977 fund whose participation was terminated due to the creation of a new fire protection district under IC 36-8-11-5 is entitled to full credit for prior service in an amount equal to the firefighter's years of service before becoming a member of or reentering the 1977 fund. Service may only be credited for time as a full-time, fully paid firefighter or as an emergency medical technician under



section 7(g) of this chapter.

(B) The amount the firefighter would have contributed if the firefighter had been a member of the 1977 fund during the firefighter's prior service must be fully paid and must be based on the firefighter's actual salary earned during that period before service can be credited under this section.

(C) Any amortization schedule for contributions paid under clause (A) and contributions to be paid under clause (B) must include interest at a rate determined by the PERF board.

(3) If, at the time a unit entered the 1977 fund, the unit contributed the amount required by subdivision (2) so that a fund member received the maximum prior service credit allowed by subdivision (2) and, at a later date, the earliest retirement age was lowered, the unit may contribute to the 1977 fund on the fund member's behalf an additional amount that is determined in the same manner as under subdivision (2) with respect to the additional prior service, if any, available as a result of the lower retirement age. If the unit pays the additional amount described in this subdivision in accordance with the requirements of subdivision (2), the fund member shall receive the additional service credit necessary for the fund member to retire at the lower earliest retirement age.

(c) This subsection applies to a unit that:

(1) becomes a participant in the 1977 fund under section 3(c) of this chapter; and

(2) is a fire protection district created under IC 36-8-11 that includes a township or a municipality that had a 1937 fund.

A firefighter who continues uninterrupted service with a unit covered by this subsection and who participated in the township or municipality 1937 fund is entitled to receive service credit for such service in the 1977 fund. However, credit for such service is limited to the amount accrued by the firefighter in the 1937 fund or the amount necessary to allow the firefighter to accrue twenty (20) years of service credit in the 1977 fund by the time the firefighter becomes fifty-five (55) years of age, whichever is less.

(d) The unit shall contribute into the 1977 fund the amount necessary to fund the amount of past service determined in accordance with subsection (c), amortized over a period not to exceed ten (10) years with interest at a rate determined by the PERF board.

(e) If the township or municipality has accumulated money in its 1937 fund, any amount accumulated that exceeds the present value of

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all projected future benefits from the 1937 plan shall be paid by the township or municipality to the unit for the sole purpose of making the contributions determined in subsection (d).

(f) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the 1977 fund may accept, on behalf of a fund member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter, a rollover of a distribution from any of the following:

(1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) An eligible plan that is maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations, the 1977 fund may accept, on behalf of a fund member who is purchasing permissive service credit under this chapter, a trustee to trustee transfer from any of the following:

(1) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) An eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 17. An emergency is declared for this act.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Craycraft be added as second author of Senate Bill 59.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Antich be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 59.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 59, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 4, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(e) For a member who is a state employee, the employer may pay all or a part of the member contributions required for the purchase of service credit under this section. In that event, the actuary shall determine the amortization, and subsections (c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(4), and (d) do not apply.

(f) For a member who is an employee of a participating political subdivision, the employer may adopt an ordinance to pay all or a part of the member contributions required for the purchase of service credit under this section. In that event, the actuary shall determine the amortization, and subsections (c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(4), and (d) do not apply."

Page 5, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 6. IC 5-10.3-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2000, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The board may do any of the following:

- (1) Establish and amend rules and regulations:
 - (A) for the administration and regulation of the fund and the board's affairs; and
 - (B) to effectuate the powers and purposes of the board; without adopting a rule under IC 4-22-2.
- (2) Make contracts and sue and be sued as the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund of Indiana.
- (3) Delegate duties to its employees.
- (4) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide life, hospitalization, surgical, medical, **dental, vision, long term care**, or supplemental Medicare insurance, utilizing individual or group insurance policies for retired members of the fund, and, upon authorization of the respective member, deduct premium payments for such policies from the members' retirement benefits and remit the payments to the insurance companies.
- (5) Enter into agreements with one (1) or more insurance companies to provide annuities for retired members of the fund, and, upon a member's authorization, transfer the amount credited to the member in the annuity savings account to the insurance companies.



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(6) Whenever the fund's membership is sufficiently large for actuarial valuation, establish an employer's contribution rate for all employers, including employers with special benefit provisions for certain employees.

(7) Amortize prior service liability over a period of forty (40) years or less.

(8) Recover payments made under false or fraudulent representation.

(9) Exercise all powers necessary, convenient, or appropriate to carry out and effectuate its public and corporate purposes and to conduct its business.

(b) An agreement under subsection (a)(4) may be for a duration of three (3) years.

(c) This subsection does not apply to investments of the board.

A contract under subsection (a)(2) may be for a term of not more than five (5) years, with an ability to renew thereafter.

(d) The board's powers and the fund's powers specified in this chapter shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and may not be construed as a limitation of powers."

Page 6, between lines 36 and 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 8. IC 5-13-5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) The fiscal body of any political subdivision may by ordinance or resolution authorize the proper legal officers of the political subdivision to transact the political subdivision's business with a financial institution **or a retirement fund administered by the public employees' retirement fund** through the use of electronic funds transfer.

(b) The ordinance or resolution must:

(1) specify the types of transactions that may be conducted by electronic funds transfer; and

(2) require the proper officers to maintain adequate documentation of the transactions so that they may be audited as provided by law.

SECTION 9. IC 20-5-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2001, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The governing body of each school corporation shall organize by electing a president, a vice president, and a secretary, each of whom shall be a different member, within the first fifteen (15) days following the commencement date of the members' terms of office, as provided for under section 3 of this chapter.

(b) The governing body shall also at such time appoint a treasurer of the governing body and of the school corporation who is a person,

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other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body. The treasurer may, with the approval of the governing body, appoint a deputy who shall also be a person, other than the superintendent of schools, who is not a member of the governing body and who shall have the same powers and duties as the treasurer, or such lesser duties as the governing body by rule shall provide.

(c) The treasurer shall be the official custodian of all funds of the school corporation and shall be responsible for the proper safeguarding and accounting for all the funds and shall:

- (1) issue a receipt for any money coming into the treasurer's hands;
- (2) deposit such money in accordance with the laws governing the deposit of public funds; and
- (3) issue all warrants in payment of expenses lawfully incurred on behalf of the school corporation, but, except as otherwise provided by law, shall issue the warrants only after proper allowance or approval by the governing body. No allowance or approval shall be required by the governing body for amounts lawfully due in payment of indebtedness or payments due the state of Indiana, the United States Government, or their agencies and instrumentalities.

No verification, other than a properly itemized invoice, shall be required for any claim of one hundred dollars (\$100) or less, and any claim over this amount is sufficient as to form if the bill or statement therefor has printed or stamped on its face a verification of the bill or statement in language approved by the state board of accounts.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a treasurer may transact school corporation financial business with a financial institution **or a public retirement fund** through the use of electronic funds transfer. For purposes of this section, "electronic funds transfer" means any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, or computer or magnetic tape for the purpose of ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit an account. The treasurer must provide adequate documentation to the governing body of the transfers made under this subsection. This subsection applies only to agreements for joint investment of money under IC 5-13-9 **and to payments to:**

- (1) the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; or**
 - (2) the public employees' retirement fund;**
- from participating employers.**

(e) A treasurer is not personally liable for an act or omission



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occurring in connection with the performance of the duties set forth in this section, unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or an intentional disregard of the treasurer's duties.

(f) The governing body may establish the position of executive secretary to the governing body. The executive secretary:

- (1) must be an employee of the school corporation;
- (2) may not be a member of the governing body; and
- (3) shall be appointed by the governing body upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the school corporation.

The governing body shall determine the duties of the executive secretary, which may include all or part of the duties of the secretary of the board."

Page 7, line 39, after "to" insert ":

(1)".

Page 7, line 40, after "(a)(10)" delete "." and insert "; **or**

(2) investments of the board.".

Page 7, line 40, begin a new line blocked left beginning with "A contract".

Page 19, line 10, delete "the difference between:".

Page 19, line 11, delete "(A) the amount contributed by the unit" and insert "**determined in the same manner as**".

Page 19, line 12, delete "at the time the unit entered the fund; and" and insert "**with respect to the additional prior service, if any, available as a result of the lower retirement age.**".

Page 19, run in lines 10 through 12.

Page 19, delete lines 13 through 16.

Page 19, run in lines 12 through 17.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 59 as introduced.)

HARRISON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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